When the Picture Doesn't

By Maxine Cheshire

Interior Secretary Rogers Morton, who hired a New York media expert to advise him on his image, wouldn't autograph a sketch of himself the other day after being told it "didn't do him justice."

Morton and his communications adviser, Pamela Coe, were lunching for the first time last week at the new Palm restauran,t where the decor includes framed drawings of Washington VIP's.

When one of the restaurant owners, C. Wyatt Dickerson, asked if Morton would autograph his likeness, Miss Coe obligingly left the table to go and take the caricature off the wall for her boss to sign.

But when she saw it, she balked.

"He (Morton) is the handsomest man in the Cabinet," she protested. "This doesn't look anything at all like him."

Dickerson had the sketch removed permanently from its hanging place until a newer, more flattering, substitute can be drawn.

House Hunting

Mrs. Spiro T. Agnew, still house hunting, recently looked at a three-acre, $225,000 estate across the road from Ethel Kennedy's "Hickory Hill."

The Vice President's wife, who had seen a newspaper advertisement for the McLean property, did not know who her neighbors would be until she got to the address on Ballantrae Lane in Virginia.

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Potpourri

Former President and Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson, shopping from the Julius Garfinckel store's catalog, ordered cowboy and cowgirl outfits for two of their grand children . . . Will Peter Maas, who wrote "The Valachi Papers," now write "The Bobby Baker Papers"? The subject of Baker's memoirs did come up briefly, Maas says, when he and Baker lunched together here last week at Duke Zeibert's . . . When Transportation Secretary John Volpe asks his wife to pass the butter at the dinner table these days, the conversation is in Italian. As soon as he was named U.S. ambassador to Italy, Mrs. Volpe went out and bought conversational records in Italian and plays them at mealtime . . . Acting U.S. Chief of Protocol Marion Smoak may not get the job permanently, after all. One wealthy young man already in government, claims to have been offered the post and turned it down for something else . . . When Jacqueline Onassis fired chef Carl Jerome recently, she was so mad that she sent back $104 worth of new pots and pans he had ordered for her kitchen, even though he had used them for a week. Then, because Jerome's replacement in the kitchen compained of being left empty-handed, she sent a messenger to retrieve the utensils.

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